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the Earth who are not sealed in the forehead.

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Nations where *Gog* and *Magog* resideth. And shew-
the wounding Sword of the mighty God, from whose blow, the
, nor the Captains, nor the mighty men, cannot fly to escape.

and written, as a warning to all the Inhabitants of the Earth,
where the great Image is standing, or any part of it worshipped, speedily
to meet the Lord by Repentance, that in the day of his fierce wrath they may be hid.

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Salutation to the Seed who are gathered into the Fold
with the children of the King; The tongue that was dumb sings a
joyfull Song of *Sion*, in an unknown Language, which none can under-
stand, save the redeemed of the Lord.

whose name is truly known by the children of the same birth, but un-
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BY Order, and Authority, given unto me, by the Spirit of the living God, King of Kings, and Lord of Lords, the 31 day of the 10 month in the year of the worlds account 1655, about the 4 houre in the morning, when my Meditations was of my God, upon my Bed in Kilkenny City, in the Nation of Ireland, at that time the Word of the Lord came unto me (from the righteous Judge of Heaven and Earth, who was, and is, and is to come, who sitteth on the throne of righteous Judgement Judging Nations, and Kindreds and Tongues, and peoples equally) saying, Write my Controversie with all the Inhabitants of the Earth, unto all sorts of people as I will shew thee; By this same Authority and Commission declared, this I send unto you, the Tribes of the Earth, and this upon

your heads shall stand for ever, to be witnessed by the Light of Christ Jesus, in all your consciences, in the dreadfull day of Vengeance, which upon you O Inhabitants of the Earth is coming. Prepare, prepare to meet the Lord, O Nations, Tongues, and people unto you all, hereby a Warning is come, and a Visitation from the presence of the living God, which you are straightly required to put in practise, as at the terrible day of dreadfull Vengeance, you will answer the contrary.

Given under my hand, and sealed by the Spirit of the Eternall God who lives for Ever; Through a Servant of the Lord,

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A TRUMPET OF THE Lord Sounded OUT OF SION.

EArth, earth, earth, hear the Word of the Lord, and awake, awake, awake, all ye Inhabitants thereof, and give eare, give eare, unto the Controverſie which the Lord hath with you, Noble and Ignoble, liſten unto the word of the Lord, Men of high degree, and Men of low degree, be not ſtout hearted, nor ſtop not your Eares, for the Lord hath ſpoken, People of all ſorts and men of all conditions, the Word of the Lord is towards you, even from the Princes and Nobles that ſits upon the Throne unto the Slaves and Boudmen that are made a prey, The Lords Controverſie is againſt you, and the mighty terrible day of the Lord is coming

coming upon you wherein He will plead with you, because of your Transgressions which cannot be numbred, but doth exceed theirs in former Generations, who went out of by his outstretched arme. Therefore thus saith the Lord, now also will I arise, as a mighty man of War, and will appear in my Majesty, to gather the Nations, and to fan them, and to try them in the wind of my wrath, and to purge them, and to refine them in the furnace of my fire of indignation, and jealousie. And this from my mouth is a warning to you, and a sound in your ears, by Authority from my Spirit.

To thee Oliver Cromwell *called* Protector.

THus saith the Lord, my Controversie is against thee because thou hast not been faithful to the end in my work, but hast taken thy Rest and Ease, and pleasure, upon thy high and lofty Mountaine of Pride and vaine-glory, and hast set up thy selfe to be worshipped, exalting thy own horne, and hast not fully given Glory and Honour to me, of that which I have done by thee, but in thy Heart boasts thy selfe against me who hath hewed with thee, and made thee an Instrument in my hand to doe my will upon my Enemies, and now thou performest not thy Vowes made to Me in the day of thy distresse, but thou hast broken truce with me, and now thou suffers grievous and hainous Oppression and Cruelty, and Tyranny to be acted in thy name upon my people, whom I have chosen, and elected to exalt my name by, by unjust imprisonments, and grievous persecution doe they suffer in thy name, which the cruell hearted makes a cloke of for their cruelty, and even such who have been thy Enemies, thy name is a cloke or to, to hide their cruell intents, and wicked purposes against my People, whom they tread upon, and this is not unknown to thee, and therefore the lesse excusable art thou in my sight, and the greater will my judgements be upon thy Head, which suddenly I will bring upon thee except

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thou repent and returne to thy first integrity, which if thou doe, I will honour thee next unto my chosen, and give thee the Necks of Princes to tread upon, and their Dominion for thy Inheritance, otherwise thus shall it be done unto thee if thou wilt not hear, and obey my voyce, saith the Lord.

To all Yee His Counsell.

THus saith the Lord, thy Controversie is against you, because you are one with him, and every whit fully guilty of his transgressions, and feeds him and your selves in the vallies of vaine glories, with vaine shewes and hopes, and your indeavour is more to secure your selves from mischefe, and plots, and wicked intentions, which remaine in the hearts of the Rebellious against you, then to defend and preserve the innocent, for your neglect to take off Oppression and to ease the oppressed, but makes your fingers as heavy as your fathers loynes, who were cast out before you, and the same Lawes stand still in force, by which tyranny and Oppression is acted, and the same false Prophets you establish by a Law, which deceives the Nations, and flatters you by subtle speeches, and there is no pure Reformation wrought in the earth, but you with your power joyns with the first Beast, who was wounded by a grievous blow of fury, to make war against the Lamb, and his followers, and you seek to set up that which I am about to throw down, and you are not ignorant of the grievous Cry of the Poor, under the Burden of Oppression, laid upon them by your Laws, by which they unjustly suffer, the Imprisonment of their bodies, and the spoiling of their Goods, and you suffer this wickednesse to be done, and shuts up your compassion, and the hands of evill doers hereby is strengthned, through your forbearance, they are hardned in their cruelty, and because you professe more of the name of the Lord, then some that have gone before you, and performes as little, the greater is your abomination, and the deeper is your hypocrisie, and the greater will my judgements be upon your heads, except you speedily repent

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and walk in my counsell, which if you doe honourable in counsell will I make you, and your renown shall generations to come exalt, otherwise if you refuse my word to hear, I will make you a Reproach, and a curse to ages for ever.

To all ye Judges, *and* Lawyers, *and your Traine; and to all that handle the* Law.

THus saith the Lord, My Controversie is against you, because of your abominations, for you are the very actors of the allowed oppressions, and in judging for Gifts and Rewards, and Bribery, some of you have exceeded all that ever went before you, and many just causes of the poor hath been neglected for want of a large Gift, and many unjust actions of the rich men have you pleaded, against equity for advantage to your selves your counsell have respected persons, and in Bribery and Gifts, you have delighted, and thereby have made your selves as Lords in the Earth, and have set your selves upon high hills, and you have followed the counsell of your own hearts and your humane wit and learning in seeking out the justnesse of a cause and in judging thereof, and my righteous Law of justice have you not regarded to be your Rule, but through the pollicy and craft have you hidden the simplicity of the Law from the ignorant in unknown languages and obscure sentences, and your wills many time hath been your Law, and true judgement have you turned backward, and made a fence against equity that it could not enter. Some of you are guilty in a high degree of that cruelty and tyranny which of late years hath been acted upon the innocent, yea you have grinded the face of the poor, Imprisoned the harmlesse, and laid heavy burdens and oppressive bonds upon the guiltlesse, who have not transgressed any Law, much less the the Law of righteousnes, you have made my freeborn children your slaves, and have highly attempted to sit Lords in my Throne of Conscience, and some of them have deeply

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suffered, by some of you for the exercise of their pure Conscience, because they could not swear, or worship and respect your persons, nor pay Tyths (that grievous oppression) nor bow to your wills and lusts in things of the like nature of Cruelty: And you are guilty in a gross sum, of upholding the false Prophet, which Prophesies lies, and falsly, with flatte.ing words of guile, and he covers himselfe under your shadow, and under your unjust Law, which is his staffe and strength, and he rides upon the Beast, till you be both taken alive, and cast into the Lake of everlasting indignation The cup of my vengeance will awaken you, and my Law will for ever condemn you, and my counsell of Equity shall plead against you in the Court of Justice, and my eternall judgement from my Throne of Righteousnes shall proceed in sentence of wrath, and my faithfull evidence, the light in your conscience, which hath been eye witnesse of your vilanny against me, shall testifie against you, and shall accuse you guilty of everlasting torment except you repent.

To all Astrologers, Magitians, South-sayers, *and* Wise-men.

THus saith the Lord, my Controversie is against you, because of your Witchcrafts and Inchantments, you have digged deep as the pit of hell, to hide your counsell from the Lord, and have discovered your selves, in finding out secrets to another, then in me, in your natural Arts and knowledge you are corrupted, the ground being curst in which you stand. You have in policy and witchcraft sold your selves into the power of darknes, and your Original of Science and Languages, is the Serpent, whose image and mark you bear; your wisdom is divelish gained by the strength of corrupted reason, which is the habitation of the Serpent, whom you have chosen to be

your Instructor, and exalted for your God : There is a secret sealed from you, and a Star whose course you doe not know, and a Sun eclipsed, of which you make no mention, and a circuit of Heaven, of which you know not the compasse, and you cannot find out the secret by Divination ; but the discovery of it will be the discovering of your sorceries, and the making bare of your Inchantments ; your knowledge is in time, and leadeth not into the understanding of things everlasting, which are without beginning ; my flaming sword is against you, and doth divide you from the Tree of eternall life, of which you cannot touch and live ; My wrath shall sweep you out of the land of Peace, and my eye which [illegible] you, shall be the Star of Condemnation, and D[illegible]le unto you, to the confounding of your Sun and Moon for ever.

To all you Generalls, Colonells, *and* Commanders, *and* Officers, *and* Souldiers, *in* England, Scotland, *and* Ireland.

THus saith the Lord, my Controversie is against you, for some of you are woefully fallen from that Uprightnesse and Integrity which once was in you, and you are abundantly waxed fat and exalted through victories and deliverances, and now you kick against the Lord, that hath handled you as Instruments in his hand to do his will, and many of you who hath been raised out of the dust, are set down in your high nest of liberty, in the lust and pride, and filthinesse of the flesh, and vaine glory, and fleshly exaltation abounds, and with greedinesse you divide the spoyle, and some of you takes more by your cruelty,

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cruelty and hard heartedneſſe, then juſtly was given you in victory, and now you being at eaſe, have forgotten many former ſtraits and dangers delivered from, and in your hearts you ſay, our hands have gotten the victory, and doth not exalt the Lord herein, who ſometime eminently hath appeared for you, your enemies themſelves being Judges, and now you tread under foot by your might and beaſtly power, many of my innoceut and harmleſſe people, ſome of which have ſerved you in many tryalls, and now they being redeemed from that nature of ſtriſe, you hate them, and doth and ſuffers violence to be done unto them, and regards it not, but ſets it at naught, and though you have ſaid you have labour'd for liberty of Conſcience in your long Travell of War, yet in the Birth you have turned your victory into carnal and fleſhly liberty to your ſelves, and into bondage to your Brethren, and many Promiſes have you vowed, which you neglect to perform, and the ſame Oppreſſion and kingly power of cruelty ſtands in dominion under another appearance and member of the great Image, the Head being but one, and you have onely ſlaine the name, and liveth in the nature, and while ſome of you have been zealous to break down the Idolls and Images without, and herein have ſerved the Lord, you are now become worſhippers of Idolls within, and of Images ſet up in your hearts, to the greater diſhonour of the Lord, who are turned in ſpirituall Idolatry, and more ſubtle hypocriſie, and ſecret whoredom, and herein alſo liveth in the nature of that which you have cut down in the name, and the founder of Images is not yet confounded, and you are not the leaſt of all that are guilty (for it is not unknown to you) of that grievous Oppreſſion and Tyranny, and Cruelty [illegible]d upon my ſervants, who in times paſt have borne a [illegible] of the burthen with you in the heat of the day, and though ſome of you ſee theſe iniquities abounding, and the neglect of fulfilling your own vows, and are already aſham'd of the Oaks which you have deſign'd

and of the Gardens which you have choſen, and now is accuſed guilty in your own conſcience for pulling down and ſetting up, one thing in the nature, though different in the name yet you are greedy of your prey and ſpoil, and doth not confeſſe truth againſt oppreſſion being branches of the ſame root, lodging amongſt the boughs, and thus are you fallen from your firſt integrity into pits and ſnares, and are become one with the Harlot, and partakers of the Adulterer, murthering and crucifying the juſt, loving to be blinded by the God of the world, for love to his Treaſure: Mine Army terrible ſhall come againſt you, and my force ſhall compaſſe you about, and my ſword ſhall cut you off, and with a mortall blow I will wound you, and deliverance to my choſen will I bring another way, and though I have reproved Princes by you, yet you will I reprove, and though I have chaſtned the mighty and the rebellious by you, yet you will I correct, and all your might and power will I take away, and your weakneſſe ſhall appear, and diſperſed ſhall you be, beforethe Arrows of my wrath, my Alarum will I beat againſt you in defiance of your power, and through you, by my weapon of war will I charge to your overthrow and defeat everlaſting, except you repent, ſaith the Lord, in this the day of your viſitation, wherein you have a time given to make your peace, and to return to your firſt Integrity out of your rebellion againſt me, that my hand may be towards you, for my great work is yet to do which I have thought to bring to paſſe, and this overturning was but a making way for it, and yet againe will I overturn, even you, and all that oppoſes me herein: That my Son may reigne in his Kingdome for ever, whoſe bondmen and ſlaves ye ſhall be, if you ſubmit not, before you be conquered. And this to you is a Meſſage for Reconciliation, ſent from me, and ſealed with my Spirit, ſaith the Lord.

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To all you who are, and have been alwayes, enemies to the very appearance of Righteousnesse, who are called Delinquents *and* Cavaliers.

THus saith the Lord, my Controversie is against you, even my hand in judgement is upon you already, and you are become cursed in all your hatchings and endeavours, and from time to time my hand hath been against you in Battell, and you have been, and are given up to be a prey to your enemies, for the purpose and intents of your hearts have been known alwayes to be against the form of Truth, and much more against my powerfull truth it selfe, and because you attempted to take my throne *(Conscience)* therefore I rose in fury against you, & will have war with all your followers herein for ever, who shall attempt to take my throne *(Conscience)* and though my hand hath been evidently against you, yet to this day you remain in rebellion in your minds in hatching murder and cruelty in your wicked hearts, and though your Kings, and Princes, and Nobles have been cut off in wrath, and your cruell desperate Inventions, and plots of wickednesse (conceived in your cursed womb) have been broken, and you cut short in your desires, yet you repent not, nor will not see how you are given to be a curse, and a desolation, and a prey, in houses, and lands, and persons, to them whom I raised against you and gave power over you, yet you are hardned, and your cruelty in the persecution of my servants cannot be measured, where you have any power, you smite with the fist of wickednesse, and count it your glory to despise my name,

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in the Vallies of vain hopes you feed, and on the mountains of fooliſh expectation, and conceive in your cruell womb of Tyranny, the overthrow of the Nations, but in the bringing forth, your ſelves are overthrown, and it is not for well doing that you ſuffer, but my hand is againſt you, and my judgements are upon you, and except you repent, ſhall continue upon Earth with you, and follow you, and purſue you to the Lake of deſtruction, where there is no repentance, and you and your Kings, and Lordly power, (by which you have thought to exerciſe Lordſhip over my heritage) ſhall be enſlaved by the Devill in the Pit of darkneſſe, in everlaſting bondage, where he ſhall reigne your King and Lord for evermore.

To all the Prieſts, *and* Prophets, *and* Teachers *of the People.*

THus ſaith the Lord, my Controverſie is againſt you, above all other, and my Judgements ſhall be upon you to the uttermoſt ; for you in hypocriſie, and deceit, and abominations, hath exceeded all other that ever went before you, and are leſſe excuſable then they, and more vile in my ſight then they that have been made an utter deſolation, abominable, and loathſome, and hainous, is your filthineſſe in preaching for hire, and for gifts, and rewards, and in making a prey upon the people, through divining for money, even feeding your ſelves with the fat, and killing them that are fed, and have wofully waſted the heritage, and ſcattered the flock upon the barren mountains where you treachreouſly have devoured them, and made merchandize of their ſouls, and have cryed Peace, Peace, unto the wicked, one of you building a wall, and another daubing it with untempered morter, you have not ſtood in my counſell, but have erred from my way,

way, and have not known my judgements, but through covetousnesse have dealt most wickedly, and profanes is gone forth from you into all corners of the Earth, so that none could turn from his evill way, nor learn the way of righteousnesse and salvation, how shall it be declared and laid open, your transgressions hath much more abounded then in former generations, ye have shut the kingdom of heaven against men, to the destruction of thousands, and ten thousands who have perished under your ministry, whom you have caused to erre, and led them out of the way, and the blind hypocrites have led the blind, till ye both fall into the ditch of perdition; It was your generation of the same seed that put the Apostles to death, and now you make merchandiae of their words, and exceeds in hypocrisie and double heartednesse, and have turned every way according to the changing of the power of the Beast; Some of you were Teachers for the King and Bishops, and were ordained by their Law, and your Prayers have been to your Idoll God, for all sorts from whom you could receive a reward, or be advantaged: and you are now divided in many Sects, and judgements, and false Opinions, and have divided the people into divers ways of Idoll-worship, throwing down one part of the Image, and setting up, and exalting another, and your Offerings, and Oblations, and Prayer, and Praises, hath been a burthen and wearines to my soul, saith the Lord, and you now are at war in your minds one with another, divers in your Language (though but one Original) which is the womb of Witchcraft, and your Kingdom is darkenesse, and a heap of confusion; under the dominion of death reigning, but you are at concord in war against me, and against my servant whom I have chosen from among you, to bear witnes against you, & you are the most of all guilty of that great persecution and unjust suffering and Imprisonment through Tyranny laid upon them, for you stir up, and intercede the Power of the Beast thereunto, upon which you sit, till you both be cast into the Lake,

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you are risen in all your power to manage War against my Kingdom, which is appearing to make yours a desolation for ever; The Beast is risen in defence of you already, and you pray to your dead gods, and preaches to your ignorant people, against my Heritage, deceiving thousands, whose blood will be of you required, who are ever learning of you, but never able to come to the knowledge of the Truth by you, being kept in infidelity and blindnesse under you, whose blood you are absolutely guilty of, your Rebellion is the crime of Witchcraft, who cannot cease to doe evill, for you have bound your selves in the Covenant with hell, and are at agreement with death while you are upon earth, and would bind the people with you in the same Faith (or rather Unbeliefe) that none can be perfectly saved from sin while they live upon earth; but you are the filthy dreamers, which doth defile the flesh, and when you awake, you will be found empty of all righteousnes, your cup is full of fornication, and of the wine of Whoredomes and Idolatry, my patience will be turned into fury against you, and my cup of indignation is the assured portion of your lot, and blood shall you have to drink as your gift and reward from me, and your present pleasure shall be turned into howling everlasting, and your songs shall be changed into woe worth the day, my plagues shall remaine with you upon Earth, and follow you to the lake, and your staffe and strength in which you trust, even the power of the Beast shall be broken with you, and be buried in the grave of everlasting contempt to arise in reproach unto my heritage for ever, and my fire of Indignation is already kindling upon you, which will burn for evermore and not be quenched.

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To all you called Papists, *to your whole Body and Head at* Rome, *the Word of the Lord reacheth.*

THus, assuredly, saith the Lord, my Controversie is against you, and my vengeance, and wrath, and fury shall for ever world without end be upon you, though you pardon one another, yet will not I pardon any one of you, for your grievous Adulteries and Abominations hath surpassed all other generations, in the womb of whoredoms your children are conceived, begotten by the seed of adulteries in the very strength of the man of sin, and at the Breasts of murther and cruelty, you are nourished, in sucking hainous and cruell Tyranny, you are seated upon the highest mountain of oppression and Idolatry: *Peter* was not your Predecessor, but the Devil himselfe you succeed, in blood, and envy, and cruelty, and he is your Rock, with whom you shall fall in everlasting perdition; being upon him builded, in your whole Body, and he the Father of your Faith, received from him by succession, traditionally, and your Religion is of *Cain's* antiquity, who was the Ancient in your profession of offering sacrifice, and killing the just, your sword hath been made fat in the blood of the innocent, you have sought to slay, even the very likenesse of Righteousnesse, and hath stood armed with cruelty against the upright, waiting for the blood of the guiltles to asswage your thirst, and your Seat at *Rome* which once had the Faith of Jesus Christ in purity, where members of his Body inhabited, you have turned into the habitation of Devills, and it is become the open Mother of profest whoredoms, which brings forth cursed children of witchcraft, and is the abiding place of members of an abominable harlot, and the profession of Jesus have you

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turned in to a cruelty againſt Jeſus, and into the murther of him; Some of you are made a curſe already, and with vengeance and indignation ſhall the reſt be purſued, till your Body be rooted from off the Earth, you have been ſtrong in your Seat of darknes upon your ſeven mountains of perfect abomination, and none was able to encounter you in your ſtrength of Infidelity, but it ſhall be turned into weakneſs, and your whoredoms ſhall appear, and your preſent honour ſhall be turned into contempt everlaſting, for while you ſay, you have wrought to merit life eternal, your unbelief will bring death everlaſting, and your works merits my fire of eternall judgement and condemnation, and while you have ſaid you eat and drink the Fleſh and blood really, you have crucified his life totally, and your conſecrating of things unto your Idoll god, hath been your defilement and polution in the ſight of the true God, to Images and Pictures have you bowed, and have worſhipped the Saints Dayes and Names, and bowed to their likeneſs of mans inventions, but have ſlain their life, and trodden under foot their nature and glory, and buried their righteouſnes and knowledge in the grave of your wickedneſſe and ignorance, and in imaginations have you reſted, and in vain ſuperſtitions have you hoped, honouring the name of Chriſt, and killing his life, the womb of darkneſſe are you ſhut up in upon earth, and it will be your bed for ever in hell and death, and your Purgatory will deceive you, and your cleanſing will never come; Defiled, defiled, and loathſom are you in the pure eye of light, which the ſecret of your deceit ſearcheth, and your darkneſſe feeleth, and ſhall judge you for ever. *Rome*, *Italy*, *France*, and *Spain*, and your Dominions to all your Kings, Princes, Biſhops, Prieſts, Jeſuits, Prelates, and Friers, and Nuns, and whole Train of Idolaters; The Cup of my vengeance is towards you, and the dregs thereof ſhall you drink, and my overflowing whirlwind of wrath as an irreſiſtable flood is againſt your banks, and my fire of eternall fury ſhall burn through

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your ſtubble, and my everlaſting light ſhall make ſearch and Inquiſition for the blood of my Elect which is found in thy skirts. Thou abominable harlot of lothſome adultery, Tremble, tremble, tremble at my dreadful living preſence, ye worſhippers of dead Images, the day of repentance is well nigh paſt, your long Idolatry, will my long patience turn into everlaſting miſery and judgement, and Nations ſhall ſee your ſhame, and in the ſight of your Lovers ſhall you be tormented. And this from Authority by my Spirit of Glory is ſent you a warning, and is the voyce of a Trumpet, which gives a certaine ſound againſt the mighty dreadfull day of the Lord, which upon you is coming to make you a deſolation for ever and ever, and the eternall Decree is ſealing againſt you, never to be altered, your root ſhall be confounded, and your branches ſhall wither.

To all you called Proteſtants of the Eldeſt ſort.

THus ſaith the Lord, my Controverſie is againſt you, and my hand will be upon you, you have a ſtrong taſt of the bottle, wherein the wine of fornication is, and your ſcent is leavened with the firſt veſſell of abomination, you are ſeated in darkneſs, pitched upon ſix of the firſt mountains under another branch of the firſt Tree (Ignorance) and are children of the firſt [illegible]omb, begotten in another appearance of the Whore [illegible]uty, and are more comely in ſtature then your eldeſt Brethren, and little is your difference to be diſcerned from the firſt Beaſt in your appearance, and nothing at all in the ground; you ſay your believe for eternal life but your unbelelief will bring upon you everlaſting death: your talking of Chriſt, and his righteouſnes imputed (which you profeſs) will not cover your infidelity and filthineſſe, for you are in the enmity againſt his life, the working (of the firſt) for life, and

your believing for life, ſprings both out of one ground; and while you ſay you eat and drink the Body and Blood of Chriſt in the figure, you kill and crucifie him in the ſubſtance, and art partakers of thy Siſters ſins, in whoredom and Idolatry, and muſt partake of her plagues. Wo, wo will be your Inheritance in the Pit of Earth for ever, inſtead of a heavenly glory (which you dream of) above the sky, I have armed my Armies to do my work herein, which hath in part, and will fulfill it, to break you to pieces, the intents of your hearts hath been known, to be always againſt my people, neither could you bear any appearance of me, but blaſphemes my name and truth in every diſcovery; you have loved darkneſs upon earth; and in its chains ſhall you be bound in the Lake for evermore.

To all you that are called Presbyterians *and* Independants.

THe Lords Controverſie is againſt you, for you are a higher Branch of the firſt Tree, deeper rooted in the curſed ground of fleſhly and ſenſuall wiſdome, and the womb of your conception is the firſt Whores daughter, more comely decked, and your Ciſtern holes the wine of fornication, at which you drink in a meaſure her abomination, and where you ſay, you believes for juſtification, & applies the promiſes for ſalvation, your works of wickedneſs and hypocriſie will bring damnation, and gains the promiſe of condemnation, who are in pride, and high-mindedneſſe, and double-heartedneſs, which is the condition of that promiſe, and you are found wanting every whit, the conditions of the promiſe of eternall life, you havereformed the outward man into obedience unto another likeneſs of the truth without the life, and are as vile in the inward in hypocriſie, and ſelf-exalting, and hath covered

covered your ſelves with the Saints words, and laid up more in ſtore, of the report of their riches, then your fore-fathers, and now you are become worſhippers of the form and words of the Saints, & are grown in the knowledge, more then ſome of your fathers children, but in extolling the Saints words, you limit their Spirit, & keeps in death their life, which was not of the world, neither in appearance nor ground; and while you ſay you eate and drink the fleſh & blood of Chriſt, in ſecret and ſeparate, you put him to death openly, and among the multitudes, your hearts are ful of bitternes againſt my remnant, whom I have called, and aloud you cry Hereſie, and errour, and Blaſphemes my Name and loaths the honey comb, in your full ſtomacks, you worſhip the ſame God, as your fore-fathers did, onely in another appearance, more refined through ſtronger wiſdom, and appears in the reformed old man, thinking him to be the new man, and deceives your ſouls hereby, and are zealous in your blindneſſe, in your will-worſhips, and feigned humility, which is without the knowledge of God, and you depend upon your Imaginations, thinking to have life in the Scripture, as they did which put Chriſt to death, and will not come to Chriſt that you may have life, you are in the knowledge gathered from without you, which is naturall, and in it you are corrupted, and ſome of you are bruitiſh in your knowledge, and are thereby puft up into pride and vainglory; your ſeparation from the world is ſenſual & ſelfe ſeparation, and differs but a little in your appearance and nothing in the ground, for the curſed ground ſtands within untilled and unbroken, and you worſhip God ignorantly at a diſtance, and feeds upon the report of a thing done many hundred of years ago, and your faith doth not give you victory over the world, for 'tis ſet in your hearts, and the vanities of it without is followed, pride, and oppreſſion, and fulnes: Some of your are hot and furious in your blind zeal, and cannot endure ſound Doctrine, your fruits will wither, and all your knowledge will periſh, and all

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Your hopes and expectations will fail, and all your praiſes and prayers, and all your good works brought forth in your own wills, in that nature in which the enmity lodges, is a lame and a blind ſacrifice, and of *Cains* nature, which God accepteth not; you are in the liberty of the fleſh, and the daily Croſſe of Chriſt you do not know, but lives daily to the world and dies not in it, and your knowledge of Chriſt is without you; by what ſuch a Prophet, and ſuch an Apoſtle ſpoke of him; and the witneſs of the operation of his Spirit and Power have you not in you, nor his Sufferings you doe not know in your life, but by your life makes him to ſuffer in his life; the horrible filthy thing is committed amongſt you, & your Teachers are perfect in the falſe Prophets ſteps, and ſome of you are as brute beaſts in their knowledge, gathered in by vain ſtudy and humane learning, through Phyloſophy and vain deceit, and hath large quarters from which they ſeek their gain, and through coveteouſnes, with feigned words makes merchandiſe of of ſouls, & are compleat in *Balaams* way of Idolatry, following his Error, loving the wages of unrighteouſneſſe, teaching for filthy lucre, devouring ſouls for diſhoneſt gain, by trading with the Scriptures, and ſelling their imaginations upon them for money, gaining many thouſand of pounds a year thereby, having ſtolen the Saints words into their unclean hearts, uttered forth by them for advantage to themſelves, when the Lord hath not ſent them, nor ſpoken unto them, nor ordained them for his ſervice but their Call and Ordination hath been by man, and their work and teſtimony of themſelves, and hath not profited you at all, and yet you have loved to have it ſo, bnt what will you do in the end thereof? even you that hath been helped, and they that have holpen ſhall both fall together in the day of the Lords recompence, which will fall grievouſly upon you; and none ſhall be able for to deliver you, but miſerable comforters, and Phyſitians of no value ſhall all be unto you, and your long applyed Promiſes ſhall ſuddenly fly away: No peace

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from God is to the wicked; neither do I ſew pillows under your elbows, but to the light in your conſciences I ſpeak, which Chriſt hath lightned every one of you withall; which ſhines in darknes, and you cannot it comprehend, nor in it believe, but at it ſtumbles, and by it ſhall be broken; which if it you loved, it would teach you in the Spirit the living God to worſhip, and would condemn all your ſet form of Worſhip in the Imaginations, the light is given you from Chriſt Jeſus, unto life eternall, nor unto condemnation everlaſting; when the hand of the Lord in judgement is upon you, Remember you had warning; And when you are in the Lake, and in the Pit, Remember you had a day of Viſitation upon Earth; The light in all your Conſciences ſhall witneſſe Gods judgements to be juſt, and your mouths ſhall be ſtopped.

To all you that are called Anabaptiſts *of all ſorts.*

WIth you alſo is the Controverſie of the Lord, for you are children of the ſame ſeed, more purged in the fire of blind zeal, and begotten in the transforming of the Serpent, into more ſecret hypocriſie, and deeper ſubtlety, your covering being larger, the greater deceit and abomination lodges under, Death reigns among you, and your Kingdom is ſcituate in the mountains of exaltation, and you feed abundantly in the Vallies of Pride and Vain-glory, and are nouriſhed with the bread of proſperity, you are grown high and great in your number, and have joyned your ſelves for advantage, & glories in your ſtrength, having through Policy and Craft, and bowing to the Beaſtly power, highly exalted your own Horne, and by Flattery have gained much of your Dominion, which you hold in poſſeſſion by the Law of guile, many

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ſimple ones hath by your curious colour, and bed of fair pretences been deceived to commit Adultery with your Image brought forth in the likeneſſe of the Saints God: By Imagination from the Saints words you worſhip the practice and exerciſe of the Saints, with the ſame mind that the Papiſts do worſhip their Names and Days; You allow not Idolls without, nor a vain converſation in the world, but you are ſtrict in obſervation in your outward conformity, in your ſelfe-righteouſneſſe, which is your greateſt ſin; you are cloathed with the Saints words and practiſes, which you have climed up in your own wills to obtain, not having entred in by the door, and while you ſay you eate and drink the fleſh & blood of Chriſt in the Saints manner, ſhewing forth his death till he come to ſalvation, you kill him as the Heathens do, till he appear unto condemnation; and you ſhew forth daily that you crucifie him in the world, eating and drinking to your ſelves condemnation; you ſay Chriſt died onely for you as elect, but your works makes manifeſt, that he dies by you as Reprobate; you take up a command from the Letter, and imitates the Apoſtles (ſome of you in a lower, and ſome of you in a higher degree) in that mind and nature which in the Apoſtles was crucified; and you ſay Chriſt commands it, when the Letter doth but declare it, and you are not led with the ſame light, which gave forth the commands declared to obſerve them, but ſaith in ſuch a verſe of ſuch a chapter ſuch a command is, not having received the command by the ſame Spirit. Here you are proved to be them which uſe their Tongue, and ſaith, he ſaith it, when God hath not ſpoken unto you, but as you read it without you, as the falſe Prophets might doe the words of the true Prophets; and thus you are in the Witchcraft as they were, *Gal.* 3. who takes on things in your own wills, and obſerve commands without from the Letter, thereby drawing from the teachings of God within by the Spirit, you are zealous as they were for the Traditions and Figure, and cannot ſee him, which

is the end of all that which perisheth with the using, so you are not dead with Christ from the world, who are yet subject to Ordinances which is of the world; They that obeyed Christ and followed him, was led by the Spirit, and not by the Letter; for they were not Ministers of the Letter, but of the Spirit, and such were judged to be in errour; and this is your condition, who saith such are breakers of Christs commands and makers void of the Scripture, and destroyers of the Ordinances who witnesseth Christ the substance, and him to be King, and Judge, and Law-giver, and in whom, and upon whom the Scripture is fulfilled, and so it established, and the commands of Christ kept, which are in Spirit, and his Law daily walked in, which condemneth sin. And this is not contrary to the Scripture, but a fulfilling of it in Principles, in Doctrines, and in Practice and Conversation: The Apostles was sent to preach the Gospel to every creature, and they were all led by the same Spirit, and did not goe before it in their own wills, as you do, neither did one goe from the command which had been given to another, using anothers words, and exercising themselves in anothers practises when the Lord had not commanded; But such they bare witnesse against which did use their Tongue, and transform themselves into the likenesse of true Prophets, and Apostles, as you have done: and are in the love of the world, and onely separated in the appearance, and not in the ground: You stumble at the light, and therefore knowes not the door of entrance, nor where the commands of Christ is to be received, and the Will of God to you is to be known; and so your obedience is the conformity in your own wills, to that which was the Will of God to another: This Sacrifice is also lame and blind, and God saith to you, Who hath required this at your hand? For if you have observed and done all those things which the Declaration of the Law and Gospel

doth require, you are unprofitable servants; and yet one thing doe you lack, the Dying with Christ, and the sufferings and Crosse of Christ is not known, but in the liberty of the flesh you are, and not in the condition of the Promise to Life eternall.

Friends, You have run into the Form of Godlinesse without the Power, into a Church which is not in God but of the World; into a Baptism which doth not wash away sin, for you live in sin, and pleads for it, while you live upon Earth; into a Communion which is not with God, which no unclean can enter into: for the Proud and Covetous partakes with you, and while some of you have said that they that Preached for hire, have been Antichristian, you your selves are fallen into the same abomination, taking gifts and rewards, and large sums of money, and upholding such who doth it; Here you are unjust to your own Principle, and are for condemnation with the light in your Conscience. Let shame cover your heads, ye Hypocrites; your covering will not hide you, nor your high talking of Christ without you, so long professed by you, will not justifie you, while you are found disobeying this Light in your Consciences, which Light is one with God, with Christ, and with the Spirit in its measure, and it doth convince you of sin, and is a command to you, and would lead you (if you walked in it) from all Iniquity, which is the will of God to you; and to that minde which is carnall, which ruleth in you, the commands of Christ which are spirituall, is not given, nor can be received; but saith, Lo here, and lo there Christ is to be found, with the Light you are comprehended, which if the least measure of it you did own, it would lead you to the Baptism inward of the heart, and to the Church which is in God, whereof Christ is Head in every member, and into the Communion with God, and to follow

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the Lamb of God whereſoever he goeth, and out of your imitations, and likeneſſes, and ſtrife, and contention about the words given forth from the Spirit, who are in your own Unity, in Diviſion, and ſeverall meanings, and divers conſtructions, and Judgements, and ſeverall wayes of Obedience, and Worſhips, and Beliefe, which by your Imaginations you draw from the Scripture, which is the Declaration but of one God, and one Truth, of one Obedience, and of one Faith, and thus you exalt the great Image of many mixtures; your ſelves being a chiefe member of his Body: You ſay the Scripture is your Rule, but are divided into Opinions and Concepts, contrary to the Scripture, every one worſhipping that which you Imagine from the Scripture, not being in the unity of the Spirit, which gave forth the Scripture, which is one, and not divided in Obedience, Worſhip, or Faith; and while you ſay the Scripture is your Rule, your lives are ſquared by the ſpirit of the Devill, and hewn out into Pride and Hypocriſie, and love of the world, contrary to that Spirit that gave forth the Scripture.

And to you who are called Free-willers, *who say Christ died for All.*

HErein you affirm, that whereof you are ignorant, which may be true in Christ, but a lye unto you; for you are not dead with Christ from the Rudiments of the world, but are alive against him in the world; they for whom he dyed, are dead; and they who yet lives, puts him to death. Freewill unto the wayes and fashions and vanities of the world stands in you, and you know not the daily crosse of Christ, which is unto mans will; nor what it is to follow Christ, and obey him, which is contrary to mans will You say, He that is condemned 'tis because he will not believe: this is true in Christ, but not in your carnall apprehensions of the natural man, in whom there is no power to believe. He tha thath an eare, let him hear. There is some true desires among you, but your minds are not truly informed, to the fulfilling of your desires, and your minds are outward, and applies peace to that which is for condemnation. Your Reason and Wisdome is corrupted, and cannot receive Truth, but calls it Errour, and this is your sin: Death over you hath passed, and reigns over you, as over all men, and your knowledge is in time, and you cannot hear of things which was before the world was; your wisdome is sensuall, and your comprehension is strong, and the little simplicity in you is betray'd by the subtlety which hath dominion in your Governour; your Crown must be laid down, and fools must you become, before you be truly wise, or can be crown'd with the Lamb, and among the rest; Remember you had warning,

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and a day of Visitation before you were destroyed; And this shall be by you witnessed in the day of the Lord.

To all you who say you wait, and believe, for the Coming of Christ to Reigne in Person upon Earth.

HEar you the Lords Controversie which he hath against you. The way of his coming is not prepared, but Rocks and Mountains are standing and Vallies are not filled up, and rough and crooked is your present way, your Hopes and Expectations in that ground wherein they spring will wither and fade away as the grasse, for your hope of his coming hath no whit purified you, as he is pure; for you are in the flesh, and in the liberty of it, which is Rebellion to his Reigne, and Christ is kept in Prison, in exile with that mind, and the Devil is yet at liberty working in your earthly members, and leads you captive into his Covenant in his Government, in seeking your selves, and to strengthen your selves in the Kingdome of the world, and murmurs that any should be above you, and that is he, which put Christ to death, and will not have him to reigne in his power over the Earth; and to you, what purpose is it for to desire the day of his coming? For with wrath will he come, and with vengeance will he reigne, and will break your Kingdom like a Potters vessell, and suddenly will he come, but your expectations will be prevented, for his Reigne and Kingdome is not of this world. Your high nature stands, and Satan is not bound, nor one of the dayes of the thousand years of his limit is not yet come; your minds are outward in

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your own thoughts, which are vaine, and you know not of what Spirit you are; the ſufferings of Chriſt muſt you know, before you can ſee him Reigne, and thorow his War muſt you ſtrive, before you can obtaine his victory, and him muſt you own, in his convincing you of ſin, before you can witneſſe his Reigne in glory upon Earth over ſin.

To all you that are called Ranters.

THe Controverſie of the Lord God is againſt you, your Seat is in the myſterie of Iniquity, and Satan transformed into an Angell of light is your God and King, and the Kingdome of the ſecond Beaſt is your Dominion; your deadly wound is falſly healed, and Sathan thereby hath enlarged his Government; you continued not to the end, but the Prince of darkneſſe is more ſtrongly entred, and your latter end is worſe then your beginning, and your laſt end will be the worſt of all; while you have ſcorned ſelf-righteouſneſſe, your ſelves have been impudently poluted with the ſpirituall wine of whoredom; and though you have cryed againſt and abhorred the Form of Religion, your ſelves hath been in the higheſt power of Iniquity, ſold to doe wickedly, and given up to commit ſin with greedineſſe, glorying in your ſhame, and are become vaine in your Imaginations, your fooliſh hearts being darkned, becauſe when ye knew God, you glorified him not as God: The womb of your conception is the well-favoured Harlot, begotten by a Prophet; Plead with your Mother, for ſhe is an Adultereſſe, and hath abundantly gone after other lovers, loving their Bed of Adultery where-ever ſhe ſaw it; Naked ſhall ſhe be ſtripped, and

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ſet as in the day that ſhe was born, and no Mercy ſhall be to you, her children: you had a convincement under the Law, and was brought under condemnation ſome of you, but as the viperous generation, you have fled the wrath, and now are become enemies to the Croſſe of Chriſt, and turns the grace of God into wantonneſſe (which largely to you appeared) which would wholly have ſanctified you, if in it you had walked; but having ſlaine the witneſſe of God, you are now in the curſed peace, following drunkenneſſe and curſed ſpeaking and ſwearing, and beaſtly luſts, and beggerly vanities, ſporting your ſelves as in the day time, and you are the crucifiers of Chriſt afreſh, and putters of him to open ſhame in the ſight of the Heathen; and while you ſpeak ſwelling words of vanity, your ſelves are the ſervants of corruption, and of ſin in the higheſt degree, and free from righteouſneſſe in the leaſt meaſure, doing deſpite unto the Spirit of grace, and being bound in the chaines of darkneſſe, and your profeſſed freedom is divelliſh, ſtolen by you, and is not the freedom of the Son of God, purchaſed through death; you never came through the Law, but by your Oaths, and drunkenneſſe, and profaneſſe, have caſt it behind your backs; you that are in wantonneſſe kills the juſt, and you that are in pleaſures are dead while you live, and you that live in fleſhly luſts, are in the war againſt your own ſoules; *Jezabel* is your Propheteſſe, and the Dog that is turned to the Vomit againe, is your example, and ſeven unclean Spirits worſe then the firſt, is entred upon you, that's your Parable, and your Houſe is become the Den of Robbers, which was once the Houſe of Prayer; the hand of the Lord is againſt you, and his breath will kindle the torment of *Tophet* upon you, and everlaſtingly ſhall it burn upon you, and ſhall not be quenched, and your profeſſed love ſhall be turned into my wrath and fury, and ſin ſhall you find in its vengeance, though you have ſeen none in

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the action : and my Witneſſe which you have ſlain, to gaine peace, ſhall ariſe to your everlaſting trouble ſaith the Lord, and your mirth ſhall be turned into everlaſting ſorrow, and your communion in unrighteouſneſſe ſhall become your unity in the juſt indignation of wrath, and your liberty enjoyed in the world, ſhall be turned into your bondage, in the lake of fire, and your wiſdom and knowledge ſhall rot in the pit, and your righteouſneſſe and uprightneſſe which once was in you ſhall never be mentioned to you, for your own iniquities ſhall you bear in the day of the Lord; with the eternall light you are comprehended; your beginning which was in judgement, and your time which is in falſe peace, and falſe liberty, and love, and fleſhly joy and your end, which will be everlaſtingly miſerable, and though you ſpeak of the light, and what it once wrought, yet being from it turned into darkneſſe, bringing forth fruits of darkneſſe and unrighteouſneſſe, the light is your eternall condemnation, and becauſe you are the higheſt ſtone in the building of myſterie Iniquity, the greater will be your fall into the Ditch of deeper perdition : you have been the greateſt diſhonourers of the true God, and in the way of the upright are you a ſtumbling unto this day : your ſtate is read, and your Portion is foretold, and this Propheſie ſhall not faile, but upon your heads ſhall be fulfilled.

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To all you that are called Seekers and Waiters.

THe Lord hath many things against you, and his Controversie will be with you; you are the highest in the Image of many mixtures, and your Tent is pitched in the Plaines of feigned humility, and your goodly building stands upon the sand repaired and beautified by the scattered stones, gathered out of the ruines of the former Cities of confusion; among you there is a simplicity and a calm spirit, for you have been poured from vessell to vessell, and your scent is not so strong as the former, neither is your growth so perfect in the mystery of Iniquity, as by appearing in so perfect a shape of the Serpent, you seek not at the true Door, nor wait not at the gates of life, and your seeking will end before life eternall you find, for you with the rest, stumbles at the foundation, and in him who is the light of the world, and lightneth every man that cometh into the world; you cannot believe, you are aiery in your words and knowledge, and speaks of that which through death you never obtained; your knowledge is high, but it ariseth out of the cursed ground, which is not removed in you, Forms outward you deny, but your Form is inward, and your chiefest Idoll is in your heart, and while you say you Eat and Drink the Flesh and Blood of Christ, in the sin stance you slay him in his least measure, and your Wills prophesies a false peace, which will be turned into true trouble; and when you speak, the mans head is covered, and the womans head is uncovered, and this is a shame, that the woman hath not power on her head; your Seeking and Waiting is of your selves, and in your own time, and the Lord is not all, and in all

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among you, for your Mother is not the Lord's wife, but married unto a Harlot, and your Seed is mixed with strange children: A Prophet was your Father, and a Whore brought you forth, and your Profession will wither as time passeth away, and your covering is too narrow, and your righteousnesse no more regarded then your sin; for the Spirit convinceth of it, as of sin; with the Light everlasting your Height and Depth is comprehended. And this to you is a Warning for a Preparation to meet the Lord, and to put away your other Lovers.

The Beast which all the World wonders after (but they whose names are written in the Lambes Booke of Life) hath many Heads and many Horns.

AND the great Image set up in the Earth worshipped by Nations and People, is of many mixtures, and it shall fall before the little Stone, which strikes at the Bottome; All your severall Forms, and divers appearances outward, and different Judgements and Opinions, will stand you in no stead in the dreadful day of the Lord which upon all flesh is coming, and burning in its glory; Woe, woe will be the end of all profession, when Christ comes in his own way, contrary to all your dividing expectations, and groundlesse hopes; He was before the world was, and shall and doth reigne for ever, when it is not: and in this his day will the Lord God set up an everlasting Kingdome, of whose Government and Dominion

minion there shall be no end, but it shall abide for ever, and your divided Kingdom of the Beastly power and authority shall be dashed to pieces, never more to be found, and your Mountains shall be burned, and your Righteousnesse and your Sin shall meet in the Pit of everlasting wrath receiving the sentence of eternal judgement from him that sits upon the Throne of infinite Power and Glory; and your rich Treasures shall be spoyled in a day, and your Sun and Light shall be darkned at noonday, and all your goodly Buildings shall be thrown down, and shall become the Habitation of Dragons: I have viewed you all in the eternall light, and you are weighed in the Balance of Equity, and all you wise Builders stumbles at the Foundation, and at the Corner-stone, and Christ Jesus is become an offence unto you in his Light, by which he hath lightned every man that comes into the world, of which you are unbeleiving, and therefore shut up in darknesse, and in confusion, groping as blind men, being many branches of one root, planted in the barren cursed ground of enmity; and though you are divided as *Herod* and *Pilate*, yet doe you joyn your selves in one body, to war against the Lamb, and his Followers, who cannot bow to your great Image, and you are listed in the Records of *Gog* and *Magog*, against whom the Lamb is risen, and his followers come forth, having the Bow and Sword, conquering, and going to conquer, and will make you a desolation for ever; All your Sacrifice is corrupted, and the Lord God of Heaven and Earth is weary with your Oblations and Offerings, your hearts are far from him, and your hands are full of blood, and the just lies slaine in every corner of your streets, and the Earth covers the blood of the innocent, and the slain cryes, How long Lord, how long? But he hath heard in an acceptable time, and will come forth in his might, and will slay, and his hand shall not spare, and will wound, and his eye shall not pitty. Awake,

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awake, ye carelesse and slothfull, that lieth yet at ease in the dark night of slumber, and come out, Come out ye upright hearted, and separate your selves, and touch no unclean thing, nor no longer partake of their idolatries and Enchantments; The Lord is now coming to gather his own, and to make up his Jewells of the despised, and his Angells are gone forth to reap the earth, to bring in the Wheat, and to bind the Tares in bundles, for the fire of everlasting fury, and *Babell* shall be thrown down, and the great Whore shall be rewarded, which sits upon the Nations, and Tongues, and People, and the dregs of the cup of wrath shall be wrung out unto her, and the Kingdome of the man of sin shall utterly be laid wast, and every subject shall be utterly driven away into everlasting captivity of vengeance, and all your sects and Opinions, and many Ways, and Forms, and Worships, shall become heaps of confusion for ever. And your talking of Christ without you, so long and largely professed by you, shall not save you, nor justifie you in another world, who are found Enemies and Actors against his Light, present in the world, which is but one in you all, at which you all stumble, and by which you shall all be broken, and which shall grind you to powder, and be your eternall condemnation, in this world, and for ever; which light shines in your darknesse, and convinceth every one of you of your sinne: which light, if it you love, is your way to peace with God eternall, and will lead you into one Truth, to be of one heart, and one minde, and to serve one God with one accord, in loving him with all the heart, and your Neighbour as your selfe, and this is sacrifice of the living God onely accepted. And to you all sorts of people, my conscience doe I clear, to the Light in all your consciences (which is but one) without respect to your persons, whether you hear or forbear: And this to you all is a Warning, and a Trumpet sounded out of *Sion*, your

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many gods and Idols to forsake, and your Forms without power to turne away from, and all your graven Images set up in your hearts to cast away: And this is the Word of the Lord to you all, which upon you all shall be fulfilled, and by you witnessed, when the Book of your conscience is opened, and your eternall judgement rewarded by the just Judge, that sits upon the Throne of true judgement, judging Nations and People righteously.

TO all you who are in the light of eternal life, which doth comprehend the world, who are born from above, of the Immortal word which doth live for ever, who are not of the world, nor of the many Opinions in Divisions, but of one heart, soul, and spirit, worshippers of the one living God, with whom there is no change, nor shadow of turning, who are not known to the world (though by it scornfully called Quakers) *even you doth the Lord also remember with everlasting kindnesse, and infinite love, of whose Beginning and End there is none, and whose heighth and depth measure, and limit cannot be found out; for you hath he chosen above all the Families of the Earth, to place his Name among, and to establish his everlasting Covenant with, of Righteousnesse and Peace for ever, and Redemption and Salvation to you is come, Judgement and Mercy in you is met, Righteousnesse and Peace in you hath embraced each other, in the womb of eternall love undefiled, was your conception, begotten by the Word of immortall life, unto the Inheritance incorruptible, whereof you are Heirs of the faithfull*

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Promise, made free by the Son, through the slaying of the enmity upon his Crosse, whereby you are nourished up into immortality, to reigne over Hell and Death, and the Grave for evermore. With thoughts of eternall Love are you remembred and read in the Lambs Book of Life recorded by the eternall Spirit, and of the Lord cannot be forgotten. Your Mother is a Virgin unspotted, and your City is new Jerusalem, come down from Heaven, and glorious, and full of pleasure is your dwelling place; there is no need of a Candle, for the Lamb is the light thereof, and the Temple therein; your God is no Image, nor your worship no Imagination, nor to the great Image you do not joyn, nor his power hath no dominion over you, but the Yea and Amen is your Covenant, and the I am, whom there is none besides, is your God, and he that lives for ever is your rock & sure defence, and salvation is appointed your walls and bulwarks, gladnesse is sown for you, yea, everlasting mercies shall you reap, and your long mourning shall be turned into everlasting rejoycing, and your present heavinesse into durable joy; your waters shall be sure, and your bread shall never faile, your fullnesse shall abound, and your plenty shall be enlarged never more to hunger nor thirst, but your little seed shall become a great Nation, & the whole earth shall be replenished therewith, and your despised Government shall rule over Kingdoms, and your Laws shall all the Nations of the earth become subject unto. Ye are no part of the Image of Idolatry, but your beginning is the little stone cut out without a hand,

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and shall fill the earth, and become a great mountaine, whereupon the Fowls of Heaven shall be refreshed; eating the flesh of Kings and Captains: You are found faithfull in your Tryals, and the glory of the world cannot steal away your hearts; you cannot be moved, for your feet is set upon a rock. Satan you scorne, and the glory of his kingdom you utterly disdaine, upon his power you tread, and your feet tramples under foot his majesty and renown; Your King reignes for ever, and of his Government and dominion there shall be no end, but the uttermost parts of the earth shall be given for a possession to him; His Scepter is righteousnesse, and his Law is equity, and his statutes are full of Justice and Judgement: and thus saith the Lord of hosts, your God and King, because you have been found faithfull, and have not loved your lives unto death for his Names sake, and for his Glories sake, but have continually abased your selves, and laid down your Crowns, that you might honour him; Therefore you will he honour and exalt, and will establish your Kingdome in peace for ever, and all that riseth up in Judgment against you shall be confounded and condemned, and his hand will be against all your adversaries, to their overthrow and dishonour everlastingly: You have loved Righteousnes and Judgement upon Earth, and your path hath been in equity and you have borne the afflictions and the storm with patience, and have endured with joy the burden of the Oppressor; You have been tryed to the bottome, and have been found innocent and without guil, before

fore the Throne of God, clothed with the garments of righteousnes; your light is the Candle of the Lord, and your life and glory is the possession of the most High: Babylon is given you for a prey, and the riches of Aegypt is given you for a spoyl, and you are free-born children of the seed Elect, the first fruits unto God, and unto the Lamb, your purchase is obtained through death, and your Crown of honour is purchased through suffering; and the glory of Babylon is no whit equal, for thou excellest in Beauty and Vertue, wherennto shall thy Beauty be compired? O thou fair and comely Virgin, unto whom shall I liken thee! O thou choice and free-born Daughter of Syon, thy long travell of sorrowes in the wombe of anguish hath brought forth children of a comely stature, thy Babes are truly lovely, upright and faithfull hearted, thy young men are noble bold and valiant, chosen of thy God, and victory is with them: Thy Virgins are perfect in Beauty, pure and undefiled, and no spot in their garments; Thy Old men are lively and honourable, and stedfast in the path of righteousnesse, and their gravity shall be truly respected; Thy Body is perfect in the Lords record and remembrance, & with an eternal Crown of infinite glory shall the righteous Judge honour thee, because you have delighted to doe his will, and have kept his Covenant undefiled, which abide with you for ever, sealed and signed unto you by the Spirit of Promise, decreed before the world was; All Nations shall call you blessed, and of your fulnes shall they partake: Who is like unto you, a People

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saved by the Lord, elect, and chosen, and redeemed out of Kindreds, Tongues, and People, and hath a name better then of Sons and Daughters. Praise ye the Lord, and glorifie him for evermore, young men and maidens, old men and children, and all that breath, praise you the Lord; for hereunto are you called, and for this cause are you brought forth: Clap your hands and sing for joy of heart, your Redeemer is the holy One, and your Maker is your Husband; I know you, and to you am I known, and I read you within the vaile, and doth behold you, the Traine of the most High filling his Temple: follow him for ever, & let his name be testified of throughout the Earth: Make war in righteousnesse, and prepare your selves to do his service, let not your hands be slack, neither be you slothfull in our Lords service, but wound the Head of your enemies, and manage war against Gog and Magog, throughout all generations, Ride on and prosper, and tread down the fenced Cities, and enlarge your Dominion, and let the children of strangers, of the seed of Esau, be your slaves and Bondmen, & fill the earth with your precious seed, and sow it in the morning, and in the evening with-hold not your hand, though you are despised of men, yet the Lord hath made you truly honourable; in his glory you appear, and his righteousnes is your cloathing, which will never wither, and though some of you for a moment suffer Bonds for his Names sake, yet you are free everlasting, and are not ashamed of your testimony before the Princes and Nobles of the Earth. O Sion thou art desira-

ble, becauſe of thy Beauty, and thy dwelling place is ſcituate in a very fruitfull hill, and thou feedeſt in the vallies of fat Paſtures of eternall pleaſures, where nothing that defiles can enter, nor no devonrer treadeth on thy mountain, nor no Lyons whelp treads in thy path; It is the way of the ranſomed of the Lord, who hath blotted out thy tranſgreſſions never more to remember thy ſins, thou Seed of Jacob. The Lord is your God for ever, while you be his people, therefore walk before him in righteouſneſſe, and let his own works praiſe him, and give him of his own, and glorifie him with it eternally. Be low in thy heart, and be not exalted becauſe of thy Beauty and Riches, and glory not but only in the Lord: Be diligent in thy mind, and watch againſt all thy enemies, and be not of a careleſſe heart; Eat not of the Vine of Sodom, nor drink not of the Cup of whoredoms; Give not thy ſtrength to ſtrange women, nor let not thy deſirable Beauty be overcome of Harlots, but keep thy ſelfe undefiled, and mingle not thy ſeed with ſtrangers: but be fruitfull in thy pleaſant land upon thy beautifull mountain, and bring forth abundantly unto thy God, who hath turned thy wilderneſſe into a fruitfull field, and taken away thy reproach of barrenneſſe, in converſation upright and blameleſſe doe thou daily appear; in praiſes, and honour, and fear, do thou abound, and let thy God be thy Teacher in his light & truth for evermore, that thy enemies may ſee and be confounded, and may behold, and be aſhamed before thee, unto whom thy Rock of defence is a ſtumbling ſtone of offence, wherewith the Kingdoms

doms of the earth shall be dashed to pieces, and bro-
ken as a Potters vessell before thee.

Come forth in thy beauty, and appear in thy glory unto the Nations; Arise, arise, why should thou sit as alone, as in obscurity and darknesse undiscovered? let the Princes of the Earth see thy excellency, & appear before the Nobles in thy Robes of perfect Honour wherewith thou art decked and trimmed, as a Bride pleasant unto thy Husband; Doe thou judge among the Judges, and give thy counsell among the prudent, and appear in thy authority before Kings and Princes; All the Dominions of the world is not equall in Treasure and Wisdome unto thee, but all the children of whoredomes shall see their shame, and be laid naked when thou appears in thy purity; The Nations longs for thee to be partakers of thy vertue, therefore shew thy selfe and appear, that the rest of thy Flock which yet remains upon the barren mountains may come in unto thy Fold, to rest under thy Shepheards power. O Sion, thou art prepared of thy God to beat the mountains to dust, thou art fitted for his service, to thresh the hills; Make no tarrying, but come away, spread thy selfe into every corner of the earth, for the upright thirsteth for thee abundantly; who layeth under the oppression in the land of darkness, which may be felt, from whence thou art freed into the everlasting light, & why shouldest thou O Sion lye at rest, while thy own seed, the children of thy womb are oppressed, groaning in the captivity under the uncircumcised, who hath driven away thy remnant, & scattered it from thee? Put on strength

O Arme of the Lord, for thy Heritage hath no other Helper, nor none that pitieth her; and ſhine forth thou ſeed of Iacob, and bring in the Kingdoms of the Gentiles, to partake with the of thy everlaſting ſubſtance, & lay out thy ſelf to gain in thy holy ſeed out of the power of Egypts king, O think upon and remember thy own former bondage, while thou was thy ſelfe captive in a ſtrange land, and let thy bowels be filled with compaſſion towards thy own mothers children, & be not ſtraitned in thy help and deliverance; for thy God hath given thee an inſtrument with teeth, to beat the Rocks to powder; He is not wanting unto thee in power & wiſdom thou chieſeſt Son of his love. Give up, give up to obey his voyce, and love not thy life unto death, till the ſeed of thy Inheritance, and the blood of thy choſen be avenged upon the head of Jezabell, who hath ſlaine thy Elect in all generations, and nouriſhed her ſelfe with the blood of thy Innocent. Call upon thy God, and awake him to vengeance, to ſmite and to ſlay thy adverſaries, and to conſume their habitations from off the earth, who have been too ſtrong for thee; why ſhouldeſt thou not come forth in the power of thy judgements, to judge the earth in righteouſnes, and to exalt thy Name in thy glory, which all men hath deſpiſed, and ſeen no excellency in? And thou O Sions King hath been as a ſtranger, and unknown in the earth, and thy Treaſure hath been waſted amongſt the Harlots, and empty to this day haſt thou returned, from gathering fruit off thy Vineyard; for ſlothful and abundantly idle hath the Labourers been in

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the Harveſt, and it is time for thee to ariſe & work, for thy Law hath been made voyd, and thy Statutes and Judgements hath been neglected, and all the Princes of the earth contemneth thy laws, & counteth the ſons of thy choſen heritage as ſlaves & bondmen, and decrees unrighteous decrees, and ſeals them in the pit of their unbelieſe upon the mountains of their rebellion againſt thee. How long Lord? how long? When wilt thou appear to lay their honour in the duſt of confuſion? It is not the fulneſſe of thy time which thou haſt promiſed? How long ſhall the remnant of Sion ſit as a widow, bemoaning her children? Thy Hoſt and Choſen waiteth for Commiſſion from thee to do thy will; That thou art our God and our King, our Judge, and our Law-giver, who our ſouls hath choſen, may for ever be exalted in thy majeſty and throne of Juſtice and Judgement, and thy Camp waiteth to ſee the honour of Kings and Princes overthrown by thee, and thy Dominion ſet to rule over their heads; that all Nations and Kingdoms may become ſubject unto thee, and the kingdoms of this world may become the kingdome of thy Son for ever, and evermore; and ſaith my Soul, Come Lord Jeſus, come quickly.

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